for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Amendment

In the Claims:

Please substitute the following claim 3 for the pending claim 3:

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3. (Once Amended) A compound of claim 2, wherein R_{10} is selected from the group consisting of C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl, OR_{10}, amino, C_{1-6} alkylamino, di(C_{1-6})alkylamino, C_{2-6} alkenylamino, and di(C_{1-6})alkylamino(C_{2-6})alkenyl.

Please substitute the following claim 15 for the pending claim 15:

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15. (Three Times Amended) A compound of claim 1, wherein:

R_1 is $C(O)R_{10}$, $CH_2C(O)R_{10}$, or SO_2R_{10};

X is O or S;

R_{10} is amino, optionally substituted C_1-C_6 alkyl, or a heterocycle;

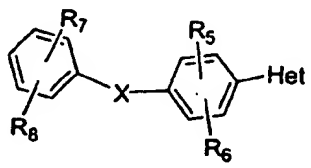
R_2, and R_3 are independently hydrogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkylthio or C_1-C_6 alkylsulfinyl,

R_5 and R_6 are as defined in claim 1, and

R_7 and R_8 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo, halo(C_1-C_6)alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl, hydroxy(C_1-C_6)alkyl, amino(C_1-C_6)alkyl, carboxy(C_1-C_6)alkyl, alkoxy(C_1-C_6)alkyl, nitro, amino, C_1-C_6 acylamino, amide, hydroxy, thiol, C_1-C_6 acyloxy, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, carboxy, carbonylamido and C_1-C_6 alkylthiol.

Please substitute the following claim 16 for the pending claim 16:

16. (Three Times Amended) . A compound of Formula *I*:



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, prodrug or solvate thereof, wherein

X is O or S;

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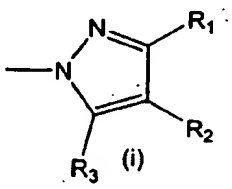

R_1 is $C(O)R_{10}$, $CH_2C(O)R_{10}$, or SO_2R_{10} wherein R_{10} is amino, all of which are optionally substituted;

R_2 and R_3 are independently hydrogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkylthio or C_1-C_6 alkylsulfinyl; and

R_5, R_6, R_7 and R_8 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo, halo(C_1-C_6)alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl, hydroxy(C_1-C_6)alkyl, amino(C_1-C_6)alkyl, carboxy(C_1-C_6)alkyl, alkoxy(C_1-C_6)alkyl, nitro, amino, C_1-C_6 acylamino, amide, hydroxy, thiol, C_1-C_6 acyloxy, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, carboxy, carbonylamido and C_1-C_6 alkylthiol.

Please substitute the following claim 17 for the pending claim 17:

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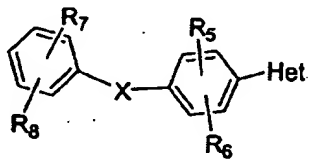
17. (Once Amended) A pharmaceutical composition, comprising the compound of any one of claims 1, 16, 22, or 25 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Please substitute the following claim 22 for the pending claim 22:

22. (Three Times Amended) A compound of Formula *I*:



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, prodrug or solvate thereof, wherein

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X is O or S;

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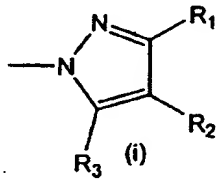

R_1 is $C(O)R_{10}$, wherein R_{10} is amino, all of which are optionally substituted;

R_2 and R_3 are independently hydrogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkylthio or C_1-C_6 alkylsulfinyl; and

R_5, R_6, R_7 and R_8 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo, halo(C_1-C_6)alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl, hydroxy(C_1-C_6)alkyl, amino(C_1-C_6)alkyl, carboxy(C_1-C_6)alkyl, alkoxy(C_1-C_6)alkyl, nitro, amino, C_1-C_6 acylamino, amide, hydroxy, thiol, C_1-C_6 acyloxy, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, carboxy, carbonylamido and C_1-C_6 alkylthiol.

Please add the following new claims 28-31:

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28. (New) A method of treating a disorder responsive to the blockade of sodium channels in a mammal suffering therefrom, comprising administering to a mammal in need of such treatment an effective amount of the compound as claimed in any one of claims 1, 16, 22, or 25.

29. (New) A method for treating or ameliorating neuronal loss following global and focal ischemia; treating or ameliorating neurodegenerative conditions; treating or ameliorating pain or tinnitus; treating or ameliorating manic depression; providing local anesthesia; treating arrhythmias, or treating convulsions, comprising administering to a mammal in need of such treatment an effective amount of the compound as claimed in any one of claims 1, 16, 22, or 25.

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30. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the method is for treating or ameliorating pain and said pain is one of neuropathic pain, surgical pain or chronic pain.

31. (New A method of alleviating seizure activity in an animal subject, comprising administering to a mammal in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound of any one of claims 1, 16, 22, or 25.